

Sydney Templeton died, and my mom and I were at the meeting about it in Cary a couple of years ago, before this Committee was started. Thank you to everybody on this Committee, and to all the people who are working to learn more about autism because of it.

This bowl was made at Creative Living by one of our participants. I was asked by people on this Committee to give you this bowl to thank you, Mrs. Jones, for what you have done. Thank you Representative Nye. Please thank Senator Purcell also”.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Co-Chairman Nye called on Susan Sitze, Staff Attorney, to present the Committee’s *Draft Report to the 2007 General Assembly* (Attachment 3). She began by referring to item I. The issue of the use of tasers has been addressed by committee in previous meetings, and Ms. Sitze stated she learned after the last meeting that the Raleigh Police Department has been working on a very extensive report based on a study of the use of tasers, having a neurologist as consultant; however, at time of our meeting the report has not been printed. Ms. Sitze spoke with Dawn Bryant, Raleigh Police attorney, who told her that after extensive review they have decided to use tasers since they were unable to find any medical sensitivities on a person with special needs. This report will be widely distributed to the public.

She then noted that the Final Report would also include minutes of today’s meeting. The report follows the format of committee’s *Interim Report to the 2006 General Assembly*. The last page “Committee Recommendations and Legislative Proposals” was discussed by Committee. The four recommendations were approved by Committee with the exception of Item III. The discussion regarding that item centered on adding some kind of vehicle and/or home decal to the recommendation. Judge Taylor moved Item III be amended to include the word “decal”. It was reiterated that use of an ID or decal would be voluntary. Rep. England moved the report be adopted. There was consensus on this motion. There will be emailed to each member the Report, as corrected, for agreement before the final copy is presented to the 2007 General Assembly.

Ms. Sitze then referred to a request by a Committee member at the last meeting that the Committee receive a final version of the in-service training the Justice Academy will be doing. She understands Pam Pope with the Justice Academy has sent to some members this final version along with a CD that has the clips specifically related to autism. Those who may not have received these items and who wish to do so will be receiving same.

Co-Chair Nye then recognized Ms. Jo Anne Jeffries, past director of the Autism Society of North Carolina and who now serves on the Governor’s Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities for remarks. A copy of those remarks is a part of these minutes. See Attachment 4.